

SHANTUNG ISSUE FACES ASSEMBLY; CHINESE PROTEST

May Inquire as to Attitude of U. S. Toward China, Following Jap's Talk to Correspondents.

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GENEVA, Dec. 10.—Further discussions have been resumed in the league of nations meeting by the Japanese and it was understood today that the Chinese delegation, headed by Dr. Wellington Koo, is sending a note of inquiry to Washington regarding the future attitude of the United States toward China.

The Chinese delegates, fearing that the United States had deserted China on the Shantung issue, decided at once to communicate with the American state department.

It was understood that the Chinese are preparing a counter blast against Baron Hayashi.

Baron Hayashi, discussing China's internal affairs with the newspaper correspondents, referred to the chaotic conditions. He defended the occupation of Shantung peninsula by Japan on the ground that Great Britain holds Hong Kong.

Charge Jap Unfair.
Members of the Chinese delegation charge Baron Hayashi with introducing the Shantung issue. The Japanese diplomat was reported to have said: "The boxer rebellion was the best criterion by which to judge the Chinese."

A resolution, signed by 11 states, urging the teaching of Esperanto in all schools, to facilitate international conversation, was introduced today.

Lord Robert Cecil, representative of South Africa, presented the report of the blockade committee, recommending the breaking of diplomatic relations with any nation that becomes aggressive toward a fellow member of the league. The report leaves the question of how to deal with the United States and other nonmembers that may refuse to join in a blockade against an aggressor to the international blockade commission which will not report until the next meeting of the assembly in 1921.

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COAL PROFITEER DRIVE**

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 10.—Another wholesale presentation of evidence in the drive conducted by the United States district attorney-general's office against coal profiteering, which has aroused national interest, began yesterday when 41 additional cases were presented to the federal grand jury for consideration.

Witnesses appeared before the grand jury and the presentation of evidence will continue for some time. There are 26 dealers in East Tennessee who have previously been given hearings before the United States commissioner. Approximately 32 East Tennessee coal companies are involved.

LUMBER PLANT BURNS.
NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—The lumber plant of L. T. Williams & Son, at Stapleton, Staten Island, the largest hardwood concern in the country, was destroyed by fire last night. The loss will amount to several hundred thousand dollars.

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T. R. M.—Will I be successful with my present position and would you advise me to keep it?

A.—There is success for you if you will do as you contemplated in enlarging it.

J. P.—Should I stay in school or go into some business for myself?

A.—You will have plenty of time if you will finish school and then think of going into business.

S. S.—Was the trouble between my sweetheart caused by the party I think it was?

A.—Not by the party you think it was but by the party who did cause it. Has lost out already and the girl is wondering if you will come back if she asks you.

R. W. A.—Will my business be successful, if not what line of work should I take up?

A.—I should advise you to follow out your present plans and stay with this business.

Y. T.—Would it be best for me to remain where I am for the present?

A.—You will do much better by making the change you have had in mind.

H. H.—Will I ever find my eye-glasses?

A.—You will never find these eye-glasses as they have been picked up and are now being worn by a party in Omaha.

C. I.—Should I return to my husband?

A.—For your own happiness and his happiness you should return to him.

E. B.—Will I ever make a success of what I am doing now?

A.—Not very much of a success. You would be more successful at your old position in Arizona.

A. L.—Should I return to Vancouver, B. C.?

A.—There is someone waiting there for you that is going to make you very happy if you return.

W. N.—Why don't I get the letter I am expecting?

A.—The letter is on its way to you now and you will get it before the week is ended.

W. M.—Will my husband make a successful architect?

A.—In this line of work is where his success lies.

E. U. T.—Does the boy I am going with really love me?

A.—If he didn't love you do you suppose he would have been as good to you as he has been? Of course he loves you and if you will rid your mind of this doubtful him he will make you very happy.

H. J.—Will I ever recover from my operation?

A.—The doctor will cure you if you will do as he says and not get the idea that you know more than he does about it.

R. L.—How will the oil stocks come out?

A.—These stocks will be worth three months what they are now in another six months.

W. I.—Will my son ever come back to Memphis?

A.—In March, of 1921, I see him coming back here to stay.

S. S. D.—Was my husband out with the woman from the other town?

A.—He was not and the only women he has been out with since

marrying you has been in a business way.

K. L. K.—Will the girl I think so much of ever change for the better?

A.—This girl is beginning to realize that she loves you, and you will see a decided change in her in the next few weeks.

J. N.—Should I sell my lots in Rochester or keep them?

A.—I would advise you to hold on to these lots as they will increase in value.

M. E. K.—Will I get the wish I want?

A.—To a certain extent this ambition will be granted but it lies wholly with yourself.

J. P. E.—Where is my uncle and is he still in West Indies?

A.—Your uncle at the present time is in Australia but is coming back to the states very soon.

A. M. Y.—Is the boy I love sincere with me or is he unfaithful?

A.—I would advise you to forget about this fellow as he means nothing but to fool you and waste your time away on a person like him.

S. S. E.—Would the man deal on the square with me if I were to go in with him on the proposition in Cuba?

A.—You had better stay out of this proposition as it is a bad one and it will land you in the penitentiary if you go through with it.

S. L.—When will my sister let us know where she is?

A.—Your sister has had a hard time of it and when she left home she swore she would never let you know until she had made good. She is on the stage now and its only a

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